

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:  
my residence, post office address and citizenship are  
as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR PROGRAMMING  
USER-DEFINED INFORMATION INTO ELECTRONIC DEVICES

the specification of which

[X] is attached hereto

[ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as  
Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority  
Claimed

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

60/169,158                      December 6, 1999  
(Application Serial No.)    (Filing Date)

09/518,846                      March 3, 2000  
(Application Serial No.)    (Filing Date)

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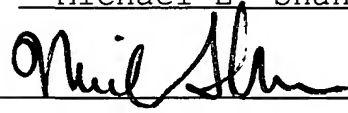
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For: METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR PROGRAMMING USER-DEFINED INFORMATION INTO ELECTRONIC DEVICES

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (37 C.F.R. 1.9(f) AND 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

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- ☒ [X] The specification filed herewith  
☐ [ ] Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_  
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